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Dear Dick:

I am enclosing a clipping from the New York Times for March 28th that has an obvious application to internal decontamination of payloads. This sort of material is what I had in mind when I referred to the possibility of establishing self-sterilizing surfaces.

Have we really gotten down to business to the point where there is someone close to your actual operations who would have primary responsibility for exploiting leads of this kind?

Yours sincerely,

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Enclosure